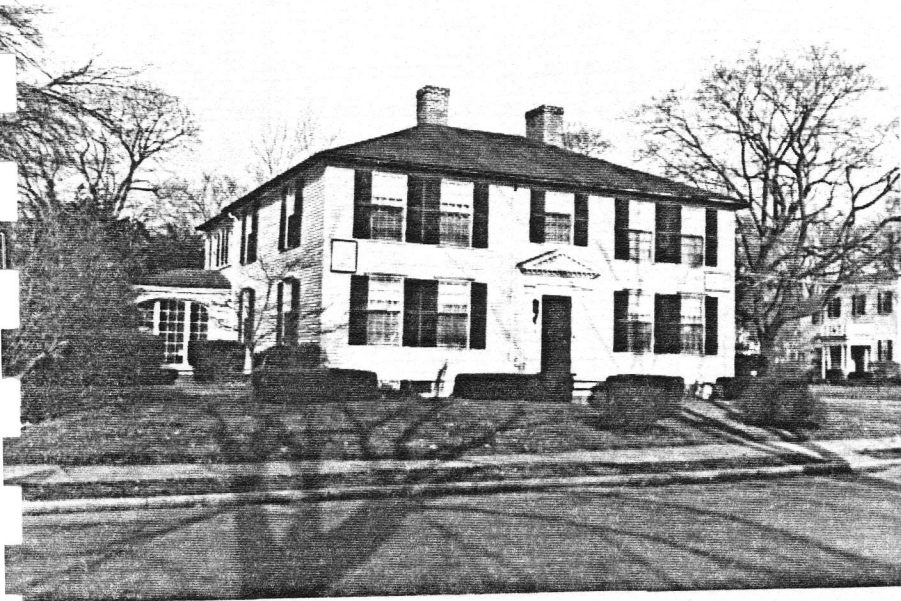


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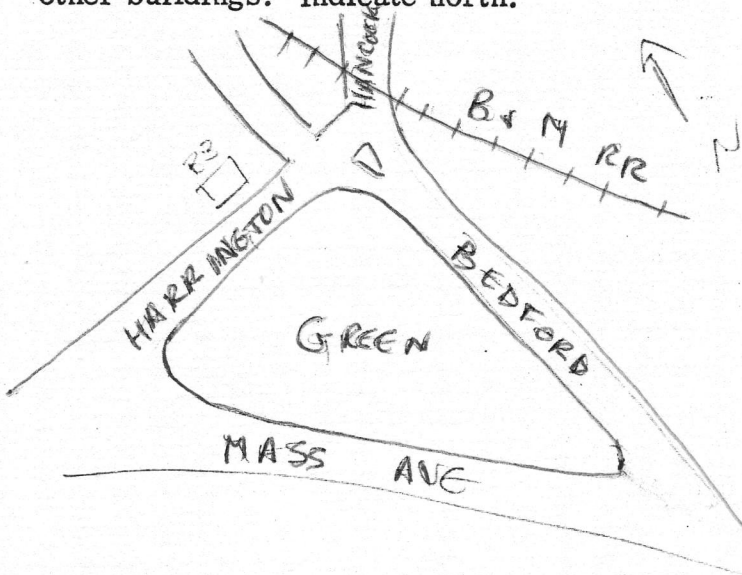
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Location Lexington
Address 1 Harrington Rd.
Name E Jonathan Harrington House
Present use Parsonage
Present owner Robert Zoerheide, Minister
Original owner First Parish Church Lex.
Description: Pre Revolution
Source 18 c. Georgian

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) Garage-2 Car
Other features High up roof, two central Chimneys, brick foundation, Pilasters & modillioned pediment on door.

Altered Yes Date 1910
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 55'
Approximate distance of building from street 16'

6. Recorded by E.W. Reinhardt
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Date January, 1976

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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (if known) Jonathan Harrington

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates in 1830's - home of Augustus Johns who introduced idea of parole as prison reform.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	<u>x</u>	Transportation	<u>x</u>

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

From this house Harrington's wife watched the Battle of Lexington, April 19th, 1775, As her husband faced British fire. Mortally wounded he crawled to the steps of his house to die in his wife's arms.

In 1820's John Augustus shoemaker, lived here. Augustus took into his home wayward boys who had been given prison sentences & taught them his trade, thus creating the idea of a probation system as an alternative to incarceration.

In 1910 the house was 'restored' by architect Leroy Brown. The nineteenth century door apparent in early photographs was changed to present overly elaborate modillioned crossetted & pedimented state.

House altered considerably by owner Leroy Brown and architect Willard D. Brown in 1910. Central chimney removed; front stairway replaced; two rooms to the left of the front door converted into one room (also true in bedchambers above); and new, reproduction front doorway installed; porch added to the west.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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